



Arlington Recycling Committee Minutes

Date: *January 17, 2019*

Time: *7:30 PM*

Location: *Town Hall - Lyons Hearing Rm*

Attendance (Members): *Larry Slotnick, Juli Brazile, Paul Goldberg, Priya Sankalia, Sarah Kmetz*

(Associates) : *Allison Lavalley, Jim Ballin, Rich Piazza, Julie Benyo*

1. *Minutes - December and October 2018 minutes approved . No meeting Nov 2018*
2. *Belmont Fix It clinic*
 - a. *Larry and Charlotte going to an event where they will learn how to run a fix-it and repair clinic - so we can run and host our own events*
 - b. *Allison suggested that when Belmont holds their event in February, we should get their volunteer list. Good idea!*
3. *Change in committee charge*
 - a. *Larry provided background on meeting with Adam. Adam supportive of our expanded mission. Town is adding \$100,000 to budget FY2020 for expanded FIDO and pilot food scrap recycling program. Our JRM contract coming up for renewal in 2022. Arlington will have to start paying for blue bin materials processing (currently it costs \$0) Wheelabrator Incinerator contract coming up for renewal 2020. Our current \$60/ton tipping fee will likely increase by as much as 50% due to constraints in eastern Mass with WTE (Waste to Energy) incinerators and landfill closures resulting in higher costs. This will put needed pressure on getting food scraps out of the trash.*
 - b. *Question from Rich - does the possibility of Town Meeting voting to not make a change limit us? Larry responded that it does not. But that just the change in our name should be seen also as a marketing strategy - bring in more people to help with the cause.*
 - c. *Bylaw was passed in 1995. Juli read parts of it, and it's obviously outdated and inaccurate in several parts, so it needs updating*
 - d. *Juli provided info on how Town Meeting works and the process of introducing and passing a warrant article.*
 - e. *Hearings by late Feb so we have a month to work on the wording of the article.*
 - f. *Language agreed upon"Revise/replace the name, purpose, and mission of the ARC to encompass a wider array..."*

- g. The committee voted and approved placing the article in the warrant and working on amending it.*
- 4. Polystyrene ban*
 - a. Jim Ballin spoke about what EPS (expanded polystyrene) is - e.g take out containers for food and beverages. Will also include retail sales at stores such as S&S, Walgreens, CVS. There are different levels that can be included in the ban*
 - b. In Massachusetts approximately 30 cities that have banned it including, Somerville, Cambridge, Brookline*
 - c. There are many alternatives available so it should not so difficult for the business owner*
 - d. We will limit the ban to EPS and not include hard polystyrene - plastic utensils.*
 - e. We could propose Jan 1, 2020 for the ban to take effect*
 - f. The committee voted and approved placing the article in the warrant and working on the bylaw*
- 5. Subcommittees*
 - a. Priya provided quick recap of all the committees and what work each would entail*
 - b. Recycling Committee Bylaw amendment - Larry, Maris*
 - c. Earth Quest - Sarah, Maris, Charlotte*
 - d. Survey Follow Up - Priya, Sarah*
 - e. True Story Theater - workshop in May meeting an event in Fall - Juli will help with Fall event; Priya to follow up with Anne*
 - f. EPS ban - Jim, Allison, Paul, Juli*
 - g. Update the text on our page on Town website - Allison and Priya will work with Charlotte on this*
- 6. Textile campaign*
 - a. Some small changes to 11 x 17" poster that Priya and Dori worked on - logo, website . Priya and Sarah will work on the small changes. Perhaps formatting additional files for smaller print sizes so it can fit on more bulletin boards.*
 - b. Start with a small print run (50) and see how that goes.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for *February 21, 2019 at 7:30 PM.*